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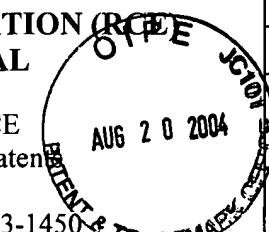
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**REQUEST
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Filing Date	September 19, 2000
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Group Art Unit	3763
Examiner Name:	A.T. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	17648-0014

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply _____ 08/23/2004 AWONDAF1 00000045 09665303
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

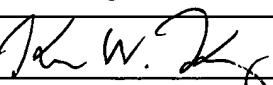
2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$770/\$385) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

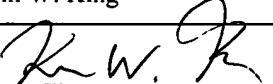
- a. Checks in the amount of \$770.00 and \$840.00 are enclosed for the following fees:
 - i. RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
 - ii. Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

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**RCE SUBMISSION AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed June 24, 2004, and the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2004, applicants herewith submit a Response, a Rule 132 Declaration, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to Rule 1.114, along with the appropriate fees therefor. This RCE should be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114(d). The Rule 132 Declaration is new evidence in support of patentability.